

HPMS E-Mail

Date: May 23, 2013

Subject: Reminder of Plan Benefit Package and Additional Demonstration Drug (ADD) File Submission Deadlines for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs)

Message:

All plan benefit package (PBP) submissions for CY 2014 are due no later than June 3, 2013 (11:59 pm PT). Please note that any organization not submitting a PBP by the required deadline will be ineligible for selection as a Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP). We remind MMPs that submission of a bid pricing tool and a plan crosswalk are not required as part of the June 3rd PBP submission. However, MMPs must also complete the plan-to-formulary crosswalk and service area verification with their PBP submissions.

We appreciate that flexibility will be needed with respect to the review of MMP PBP submissions, especially in the absence of final state-CMS memoranda of understanding in some states, as well as payment rate information. To that end, we anticipate that there will be opportunities to revise PBPs after CMS and the states have conducted their initial reviews and payment rate information is made available. MMPs will be able to revise their supplemental and demonstration-specific benefits as needed following their initial PBP submissions. However, initial reviews by CMS and State staff will begin in early June following the PBP submission deadline, and we expect that the CMS reviews of required Medicare benefits, including Part D benefits, will be completed by late summer 2013.

We also remind MMPs that they will be required to submit an Additional Demonstration Drug (ADD) file in HPMS after their PBP submissions, but no later than June 7, 2013 (12 p.m. ET). States will review MMPs' ADD file submissions.

We encourage MMPs to continue their dialogue with the States in which they intend to operate for any additional guidance on how to represent Medicaid and demonstration-specific benefit and drug coverage requirements in their PBP and ADD file submissions.

Please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov if you have any questions.